

*"Jesus said unto her, 'I AM the Resurrection, and the Life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he Live: And whosoever Liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. **Believest Thou This?**' John 11:25-26 KJV*



This the fulcrum of faith! When we say believer or unbeliever, the defining question is; Do we believe that Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life? To believe so, we must also believe that He is Omnipotent God. We must also believe that He cannot lie and that His Word is immutable Truth. Are you a “believer?” Faith determines your answer. If you have it, it is because God gave it you. *“FAITH COMETH BY HEARING...THE WORD OF GOD. For by Grace are ye saved through Faith, and that NOT of yourselves, it is the GIFT of God”* Faith is evidenced by a desire to obey the written Word of God. *“Hereby we do know that we know Him, IF we keep (obey/guard/esteem) His Commandments.”* It is also witnessed to by the Fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life. A banana has many attributes, yellow, long, sweet, soft, and etc., but it is still just one fruit. *“The FRUIT (singular) of the Spirit is (exhibited as) Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, Temperance: against such there is no law.”* Jesus said, *“Wherefore by their fruits (good or evil) ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the Will of my Father which is in Heaven.”* Real believers repent of sin and humbly seek the Mercy and Grace of Almighty God. Repentance is the forsaking of sin, not just feeling bad about it. The remorse over our sin is what causes us to forsake it, because we believe God’s Word to be the Truth; that we are lost and undone without Him. *“Godly sorrow leadeth thee to repentance.”* Believers do not argue about God’s Word, but rather, accept it and obey it as the Holy Spirit reveals it to them. True believers understand that we are not perfect yet, but we will be at the Resurrection. Until then, we must repent of, forsake, besetting sin through obedience to remain cleansed and righteous before Father. It’s not a question of “if” we sin, but “when” we sin. Obedience is repentance: Repentance is proof of faith. Until we shed mortality, we will be burdened by sin, but not overcome by it, because our mortal body which *“shall be changed”* is *“sold under sin.”* Paul lamented, *“Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?”* But he then quickly added, *“I thank God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”* God’s Word says, *“Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good, and this is the Victory that overcometh the world, even our Faith.”* Good is only accomplished through obedience to the Word of God. Otherwise, it becomes the righteousness of man which is nothing more than *“filthy rags”* in the eyes of a Holy God. You may disobey, deny, argue, and protest all you wish but *“it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the Judgment.”* You will die, and without Eternal Life that comes from Faith in Christ, you will be Judged guilty of eternal death by an omnipotent God who will seal your protesting lips with Truth and Justice. You will realize that you damned yourself by your own unbelief, and there is nothing left for you but outer darkness. It’s no wonder there’ll be *“weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth.”* You will not cease to exist; you will eternally exist without God!

The “Resurrection and the Life,”
Will cut through protest like a knife,
God’s Word will stand as final say,
For what the guilty have to pay. –CGP

What will be your final destination? Are you afraid to believe, or *“Believest thou this?”*

“But the FEARFUL, AND UNBELIEVING, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and All Liars, shall have their part in the Lake which burneth with fire and brimstone (lava): which is the Second Death.” Revelation 21:8 KJV